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April 26, 2015

Today:

Avoiding the Valley

Tonight:

Youth Devo after PM worship service at the home of John & Dianne Ross (Grades 6th—12th. Please bring chips and drinks)

Wednesday:

Singing Night and monthly birthday/ anniversary celebration

Friday:

Deadline for senior pictures

Movie Night for Rainbow Omega (hosted by Teens) - 5:00pm

Contact Elder for April - Bill Brewer 256-225-8835

Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

We Will Glorify (1)

Prayer - Britt Parker

Song Leader: Avery Pressley

Song #: Lord, Reign In Me (1,2)

Song #587: Sing and Be Happy (1,3)

Song #484: You Are My All in All (1,2)

Communion & Offering

Song #: Mighty to Save (1,2)

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley James 1:22-25

Message: John Ross

Song #810: Listen to Our Hearts (1,2)

Announcements

Song #470: Victory in Jesus (1)

Prayer - Bobby Lackey

Look to the Lord and His strength; Seek His Face Always

Christianity and Science

Bill Nye (the "Science Guy") made the news again this week. He is an atheist who has come out swinging against Christians and who believes that Christianity is a myth disproved by science. He and people like him are dangerous when they get such a public platform.

I've done a little reading in the field of apologetics and have developed a love/hate relationship with science. Here's what I mean.

First, the love. Science allows us to innovate, to create, to take giant steps forward. It helps us understand nutrition, God's creatures, how to heal diseases, and why certain things happen. Our understandings of disease, gravity, outer space, the earth's makeup - all are benefits of science.

Now, the hate (more like skepticism). Science proves and disproves itself all the time. The earth is flat. No, it's round. Everything revolves around the earth. Wait, no, it's the sun. Eggs are good for you. No, they're bad for you. If we can't figure out if eggs are good or bad for us - whether "global warming" is man-made or that it's cyclical, how can science make claims of certainty about God's existence, how creation occurred, and a host of other things?

Many choose to see Christianity and science as inherently opposed to one another. *I disagree completely*. Science and religion need not conflict. However, when the "proofs" of science preach against the teachings of Christianity, I choose faith.

Why? First, because scientific proofs are not really "proofs", they are just the best understanding for the time being. Second, because God is Lord of Creation. He isn't bound by the scientific "laws" of the universe He created. Third, while science may offer explanations for how particular events occurred, science can rarely *prove* with certainty that things did or didn't happen. While science can hypothesize, it certainly cannot affirm or deny God's existence.

Sorry Bill. I stick with the Creator of Science. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29)



AREA WIDE SINGING



May 8 at Betta-View Hills

7:00pm-9:00pm

ALL Food Groups—please bring finger foods, desserts and drinks for us to serve our visitors after singing.

Upcoming Events



April 29: Singing night and monthly birthday/anniversary celebration

May 1: Deadline for Senior pictures

May 1: Youth will be hosting a movie night for the Rainbow Omega residents in the Fellowship Hall—beginning at 5:00pm. See **Shelly Painter** for details.

May 3: Pot Luck Lunch—menu theme is regular pot luck. Church will provide meat—members bring sides, desserts & drinks. **Food Group 3** is in charge.

May 8: Area Wide Singing—7pm-9pm at Betta-View Hills—All Food groups need to supply finger foods, desserts & drinks.

May 10: Mother's Day

May 17: Senior Banquet following PM worship service

May 19: GEMS Meeting—10AM

May 27: Monthly Singing night and birthday/

anniversary celebration

May 31: Bridal shower for Hailey

Boswell (bride elect of Daniel Brown) - 2:30pm

to 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

May 31: 5th Sunday—Contribution to the Build-

ing Fund

May 31: Men's General Business Meeting—

8:30am

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4/26— Ryleigh Hughes

4/27— Polly Kreitz

4/28— Bobby Lackey

4/29 — Avery Pressley

4/30—Klaire Yarbrough

5/1—Alan Gaines, Ryan Cob, Jeremy Fultz

Remember in Prayer...



Our Sick...

Hazel Waites is struggling with health issues. (139 Hickory Drive, Oxford 36203)

Dan Brown has made good improvement. Plans are to move him to a therapy floor at St. Vincent's East where he will be for a few more weeks. (1800 Lyda Road, Oxford 36203)

Friends & Family...

Kimberly Cobb (mother of **Brittany Cobb**) has been moved out of ICU into a regular room. (550 Cobb Road, Anniston 36207)

Keith Lewis (Brittany Cobb's uncle) is in UAB with medical complications. (478 Cobb Road, Anniston 36207)

Jerry Ramsey (uncle of **Shelly Painter**) is in declining health. The family has requested that we continue to lift him up in prayer.

Margaret Carden (nurse at Wellborn Elementary) has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Sympathy...

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Keaton Beam** (friend of **Macy Pressley & Piper Smith**). Keaton was killed in a car accident last Sunday and her funeral was held on Wednesday. Please continue to remember her family as well as her friends and classmates in prayer during this very difficult time.

Encourage & Support. . .

Debbie Mitchell responded last Sunday morning asking for the prayers of the congregation for her family as they struggle with numerous health issues. (139 Hickory Drive, Oxford 36203)

John Stewart also responded last Sunday morning asking that we remember his mother in our prayers as she is dealing with some issues right now. (John – 223 Horizon Drive, Eastaboga 36260)

Action Committees



- Meal for the Neighborhood—Duane Stephens
- 2. Advertising (mail out) Bill Brewer
- 3. Social Media—Marty Livingston
- 4. Annual Events—Brian Forbus
- 5. Andrew Ministry—John Ross

If you are interested in serving on any of these teams, please see the appropriate person heading up each activity.

Those Privileged to Serve: April 2015

Song Leaders:

26th - Avery Pressley

AM: Opening Prayer

26th: Britt Parker

Closing Prayer

Bobby Lackey

PM: Opening Prayer
26th: James Farmer

Closing Prayer
Larry Watts

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Marty Livingston
Assisting: Ted Haynes, James Galbreath, Matt Smith,
Calvin Phillips, Norman Morrison, Jason Webb,
Ben Lackey, Jerry Wilson

Ushers:

Bobby Starr, Donte' Richey, Spencer Austin, Eric Ross, Keith Yarbrough, Patrick Houston

Little Lambs:

26th: Susan Briley & Jan Templin

Greeters:

West Entrance: Willodean Carter & Eric Ishee
East Entrance: James & Linda Galbreath
Main Foyer: Harold & Pattie Bean, Calvin Phillips,
Phyllis Haynes, Macy Stratton

Prepare Communion: Jannie Smith
Secure Building: Fred Denney
If you are unable to serve please contact
Brian Forbus @ 256-831-2471.

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

- -Applesauce
- -Chef Boyardee (pop top meals)





BVH Leaders

Elders:

Bill Brewer

Elton Carter

Fred Denney

James Lindsey

Bob Templin

Deacons:

Kevin Briley

(Safety & Security)
Brian Forbus

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(Worship Organization)

James Galbreath

(Food Ministry, Building)

Eddie Jennings

(Homebuilders, Young Adult Activities)

Marty Livingston

(Youth, Office Administration, Widows

Needs)

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(Worship Sound / Audio)

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(Public Relations, Lads to Leaders)

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(Attendance, Baptistery, Marquee Sign,

Grounds)

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(Education Director, Visitation)

Kenny Stratton

(Finance)

Preaching Minister:

John Ross

Children's Ministry

Activities Coordinator:

Eric Ishee

Youth Minister:

Marty Livingston (interim)

Service Times:

Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Worship: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Study: 10:00am-

11:00am

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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We Care and We Pray...

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Avoiding the Valley Ezekiel 37:1-10

Ezekiel's 3 stages:
First, the "" stage (37:1)
Second, the "" stage (37:2)
Can you see how this may apply to Christians or a church?
1. There is the loss of
2. Decay lead to being more than
Third, we choose "" (37:3-10)
Charles Finney: "a new beginning of obedience to God."

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Ezekiel's 3 stages:

First, the <u>"Stuck"</u> stage (37:1)

Second, the "Decaying" stage (37:2)

Can you see how this may apply to Christians or a church?

- 1. There is the loss of joy.
- 2. Decay lead to being more <u>egocentric</u> than exocentric.

Third, we choose "Revival" (37:3-10)

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